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Getting there, half the battle

As Bedford Street continues to grow, new worries arise over parking

David O'Donnell
News Editor

Alex Wilbur, a third-year Linguistics student, was surprised when it took him about five minutes to find a

parking space before class on Tuesday. So when he returned on Thursday, he made a point of showing up a little earlier, only to find an even bleaker situation. He ended up 20-minutes late for a sign language class.

Around the same time, sophomore Business major Ashleigh Tatarcyk was finishing an unsuccessful lap around campus in her car before deciding to make a brief detour for coffee. Surely, she thought, there would be a place to park when she returned. She had thankfully gotten her caffeine fix before coming back to a line of vehicles backed up far down the street. Her professor was understanding when she showed up to class a half-hour late.

Before this semester began, it would be safe to assume these were stories from years ago, back before the parking garage on Bedford Street went up in early 2004. It offered more than just added convenience; the five-story, 1,200-space structure finally made driving to the Portland campus tolerable.

There were some

kinks at the start. The Free Press published complaints at the time that some drivers found the flow of traffic to be counter-intuitive, leaving some stuck in circles. More annoyingly, a computerized exit gate could sometimes seem to channel the defiant H.A.L. from 2001: A Space Odyssey and reject perfectly good ID cards of people attempting to pass.

But for the most part, glitches were small and easily remedied. The end result was a virtual guarantee that students had a place to park throughout the school week.

So it has alarmed many that just four years later, the campus is already showing signs of having outgrown the garage; once again leaving students stressed about getting to class on time.

School officials have been surprised by just how much of a problem parking has become this semester, though a slight squeeze was expected. The most obvious culprit is completion of the University Commons project, even if on its surface it has just meant the re-location of programs and activities that were already taking place nearby.

The brand new Wishcamper Center, right next to the garage, is now home to the Muskie School for Public Service and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. With

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Student Government: Welcome, Freshman

David O'Donnell
News Editor

Their resumes are relatively thin. Their candidacies, unprecedented.

But that isn't stopping several freshman from vying for seats in USM's Student Senate before the ink has even dried on their student IDs.

It's the result of several reforms made to the requirements and procedures of the student government over the past few months. Previously, all of these elections would have been held the preceding Spring, which had no bearing on first-year students - they were prohibited from holding office in the first place.

All that has changed thanks to the efforts of people like

Emily Fitch, chair of the group's Leadership Development Board. Tired of seeing student body participation lag over the years, she and others decided to spur interest in the senate by getting people involved as soon as possible. And that has included changing what is possible.

"It was about 600 students who voted last year," Fitch says. "Considering that this is a school

of what, 10,000? That's pretty sad."

Three senate seats were left open specifically for these first Fall elections - typical Summer drop-off has brought the total number of vacancies up to seven. Of the ten students running for those openings, five are in their first year of college.

The results of the changes will be felt next week as voting

begins online at 12:01 a.m. Monday morning. Polls close at the stroke of midnight on Wednesday. Details on how to vote, along with profiles of all ten candidates, can be found on page 4.

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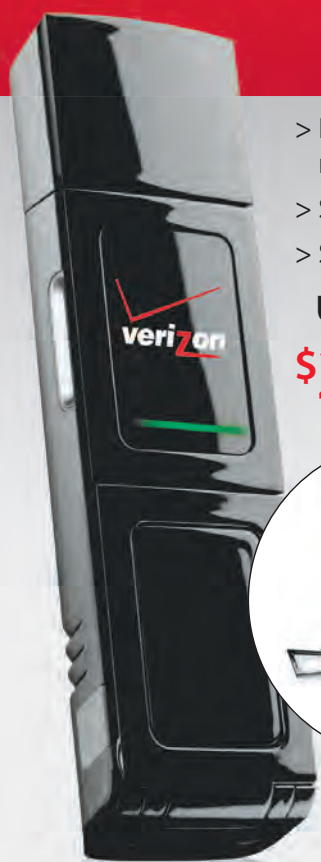


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Robie-Andrews chemical spill contained Chaos and rumors, less so



**David O'Donnell &
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News Editor & Staff Writer

When the first round of alarms went off at about 9:30 on Tuesday night at Robie Andrews Hall in Gorham, nobody was exactly sure about the cause. There had been a potentially toxic chemical spill in the basement, and all 200 residents had to be temporarily evacuated. But it would take authorities some time to identify just what had spilled and how bad the damage might be, while three students and a responding officer were rushed to the hospital as a precautionary measure.

Pat Donahue recalls smelling some fumes from his room on the first floor, just before everybody was forced out. He eventually decided to crash at a friend's dorm in another hall.

Other residents, like Josh Holland, stuck around to soak up the surreal atmosphere: cleanup crews walking around in bulky hazard suits under blinding floodlights, periodically hosing one another down.

As residents remained behind police lines and TV news crews arrived on the scene, rumors naturally swirled. By Thursday, Public Affairs director Bob Caswell was already a bit tired of diffusing a persistent item that

had tens of gallons of pure silver nitrate flooding the basement.

It turned out to have been a small container of heavily-diluted silver nitrate, a chemical compound used in developing film that is indeed toxic, but typically short of life threatening. It can cause third-degree burns if left untreated. Some students working in the photo lab that night had noticed it seeping out of its container, and immediately called authorities. Nobody was harmed in the incident.

People were invited to return to their rooms at about 12:30 a.m., before another round of alarms were mysteriously triggered about a half-hour later. Cleanup crews finished their work by 3 a.m., and students were excused for sleeping in the next morning. Their families could also be forgiven for being shocked by newspaper accounts the next day, which spread the notion that a 20-gallon barrel of poison had been leaking through the dormitory the previous night.

Robie Andrews Hall is no stranger to hyperbole. There are persistent reports that its dorms have been haunted by the spirit of a young schoolgirl since the early 1900s. No word yet if supernatural forces were involved in the chemical spill.

From **PARKING** on page 1

the plush new space has come new freedom for the schools-within-a-school.

Previously, Osher often found itself working around the rest of the University from the lower levels of Payson Smith Hall.

"...it felt like we were always fighting for classroom space," says David Murray, a volunteer on the OLLI board.

But now, the Institute doesn't have to think twice about slating a class or lecture for even the busiest times of the week - namely mid-day Tuesdays and Thursdays, when most students are reporting the worst delays.

Another unintended side-effect of the Commons project was the renovation of the ancient outdoor student lot at the Woodbury Campus Center, which required re-building out of safety concerns from the new sidewalks and intersection. The redesign only added insult to the park-

ing crisis, as campus police say about 30-40 spaces had to be eliminated.

Dean of Student Life Craig Hutchinson says there are no plans to expand the garage or add any new parking lots in the foreseeable future. In the short term, the school is just going to have to work with what it's got. In one instance of this, signs are being made up that will allow students to park in the faculty lot near the law building on certain days, for a limited time. The school also has 35-40 spaces out at 15 Baxter Boulevard that it is trying to encourage students to make use of, the walk over to Portland's Back Cove being potentially shorter than some of the waits for spaces right next to school.

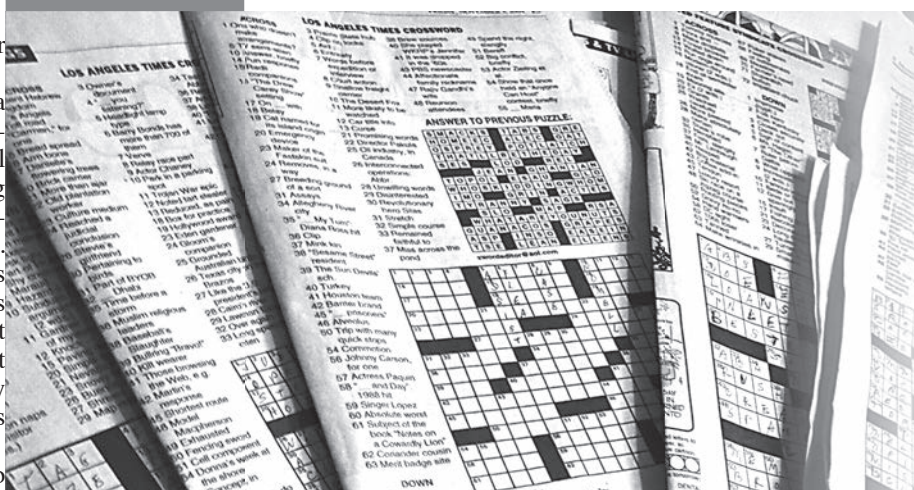
Other than that, patrol officers say they will just try to become more vigilant about ticketing and towing cars they find parked without the necessary stickers, a

move sure to be a mixed blessing for many students.

Hutchinson says the real solution to the mess will probably be an indirect results of changes already in the works, beginning when President Botman took office in July. She immediately targeted the school's scheduling methodology for a major overhaul, expressing a desire to see classes spread thinner over the days and weeks, as well as to incorporate more "distance education" courses taught over the web.

The intent is to turn the University on its head and help create the "21st century" institution she often refers to in speeches. For those just trying to find a place to stash their car for a couple of hours, a return to normalcy might be enough.

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Student Government: Welcome, Freshman

Student Government elections are being held Monday through Wednesday this week. Seven seats hang in the balance: Four will represent “commuter” students, those who live off-campus; one will represent resident students; and the remaining two are “at-large”, covering any and all members of the student body.

The following answers were provided by the candidates on their applications for nomination.



JOSHUA ADAMS

Joshua D. Adams

Resident / Senior

Major/Minor: Theatre

Activities: President of IAJE, President of the 17th BSO, Co-Chair of SPA

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?

I plan on being at the meetings and doing my part to make decisions. I hope to make a difference in any committee I am a part of, as well as be a voice and an advocate for the arts on campus.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?

Responsibility, common sense, fairness, patience, knowledge of parliamentary procedure

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?

Because democratic processes depend on the involvement of the people that it represents. Otherwise, the process breaks down, and the senate might as well not exist.

Troy J. Jellison

Resident / Sophomore

Minor: Political Science

Activities: My Junior year in high school I went to Boys State,

which really got me interested in politics. However most of my activities have been sports- I played varsity soccer, basketball and baseball and last year I played on the USM Men's basketball team, which I plan on playing again this year.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?

Since I've never been involved in school government at a college level, I want to gain an understanding as to just what USM

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?

I'm a well rounded 19 year old student- athlete that lives on the Gorham campus. Therefore I believe I can relate to all USM students, much better than say an older, non-athlete that lives off campus.

Jocelyn M. Reppucci

Resident / Freshman

Major/Minor: Elementary & Special Education

Activities: I was in chamber singers and music booster in high school and also in the 08 class committee.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?

I want to accomplish what the residents need to make there time here at USM at great time.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?

I am an outgoing, funny, approachable, organized and intelligent young woman who can bring a lot to the table here at USM.

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?

I think that student are a big part of the upcoming election because we are the future and we are going to be living under this new President.

Brendan S. Morse

Commuter / Freshman

Major/Minor: Political Science

Activities: 6 Month internship at U.S. Congressman's Office; Four years of football; Four years of



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BRENDAN MORSE

tennis; Activities for Democratic Party of the 4th District MA.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?

During my term as a student

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?

I will bring an unwavering sense of dedication to the Student Senate. I will not start something that I will not give my all



ALEXANDER SARGENT

senator I plan to accomplish a whole multitude of tasks. I will first and foremost advocate for my constituents and their interests; each and every person. I will see that appropriated funds for activities are spent responsibly and according to the student body's wishes.

and see through the completion. I have the ability to lead, but also have the more important ability to listen.

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?

I will bring an understanding of what students need on and off

campus, what they really need from their student representatives. I have the experience to deal with constituents concerns' and how to represent their interests despite university bureaucracy. Really, why you should vote for me is that I promise to carry out my job to the best of my ability for every task that I will take on as a Student senator.

Alexander M. Sargent
Commuter / Senior
Major/Minor: Economics
Activities: Veteran's Student Organization

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?
I plan to expand involvement to the student body. USM faces a challenge having a split commuter/resident student body. Most students work part or full time while attending. Student leadership needs to be key in inviting these busier students without interfering with their lives.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?
Leadership and professionalism are vital qualities for student government. My experience as a former Marine and my dedication to tasks at hand will serve the students of USM well.

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?
Dedication and experience are qualities that distinguish myself from my peers. I believe it to be a valuable asset for USM to possess responsible and committed members to the Senate.

Brian K. Brooks
At-Large / Freshman
Major/Minor: History/ Pre-Law
Activities: I have helped organize and run community activi-



CHELSEA QUAGLIA

ties in Canton, which benefited all ages, including the annual Homecoming and July 4th celebrations. I also coached youth football and basketball and assisted in a local political campaign. This was all supplemental to my participation in sport during high school.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?
I will enhance existing activities for the student population, seek to develop new activities for our diverse student population and call for more busses between campuses. To accomplish these goals, we will hold creative fundraisers along with proper presentation of our ideas to USM's administration.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?
I am a well-rounded person who is easy to work with, but will express my ideas, comments, and thoughts diplomatically. I can see both sides of a situation and determine what side is best for the particular issue. I will give a "voice" to our student population.

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?
The Student Senate will help to shape the events at USM and choose which programs to provide aid. These are very important pieces of student life. While election results are important, knowing that most students voted is equally important and must be taken seriously. Voice your choice...vote!

Ryan T. Daly
At-Large / Junior
Major/Minor: Communications
Activities: I was Vice President at York County Community Colleges Student Senate. I ran a giving tree for the poor.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?
I plan to get things done that have been put off to the side.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?
I am professional, courteous, respectful, leader.

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?
They should vote because if they don't vote then people can't complain.

Chelsea L. Quaglia
At-Large / Freshman
Major/Minor: Undecided (transferring into Nursing)
Activities: Student Council, Class Council, NHS, Key Club, Interact Leaders Club, Varsity



ROSE WINEGARDEN

Soccer, Indoor/outdoor Track, AFS Exchange Program, Church Youth Group Leader, EMMC Student Volunteer, Volunteer Soccer Coach.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?
During my term on the USM Student Senate I will listen to the ideas and thoughts of others and will do my best to turn those plans into action.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?
I am outgoing and I love to meet new people. I have worked a lot with student government (in H.S.) and I know the amount of hard work and dedication it requires to be successful.

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?
It is important for students to vote in this fall's election not only to have their voices heard but to also be involved in the changes that will take place within our University in the upcoming year.

Chelsea L. Schlossberg

At-Large / Freshman
Major/Minor: Athletic Training
Activities: Soccer coaching, soccer for kids 7 & younger, played soccer in high school, foreign language club, peer leaders, softball.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?
I plan to accomplish many things. I hope to get more students involved in what's going on at USM, and to get them to care about what happens.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?
I'm an extremely outgoing person, and can make friends with just about anyone. I also love getting people excited about things that they normally wouldn't enjoy.

Why should your fellow stu-

dents vote in this fall's student government election?
The more people that vote, the more people will know about their community, which is important.

Rose M. Winegarden
At-Large / Junior
Major/Minor: Communication
Activities: Gorham Events Board, Kappa Delta Phi National Affiliated Sorority-Kappa Iota Chapter, Leadership Development Board, Student Involvement & Activities Center.

What do you plan to accomplish during your term on the USM Student Senate?
A smooth line of communication between the Student Body and the University.

What personal qualities will you bring to the USM Student Senate?
Outspoken, leadership experience, I tend to play on an equal playing field and stay neutral. Diversity of Student involvement helps reach multiple voices.

Why should your fellow students vote in this fall's student government election?

I keep it real.

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Call J. Hutchins @ 780 4150 if a student group would like to reserve a block of seats/or volunteer to help the evening of the debate.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Bottling my frustration

It's a funny ritual to watch. Students trudging down the aisles of the USM bookstores, eyes slowly scanning the shelves until they find their required texts, then begrudgingly lugging them to the checkout.

If sticker shock could kill, college bookstores would be horrific places.

After three years in college, I find myself with the most ridiculous assortment of scholarly texts known to man. Books on Canadian studies share shelf space with lurid 17th century libertine literature, bulky art history tomes, and philosophy books that I gave up trying to understand long ago.

It will be a proud day later this semester when I can add "The Complete David Bowie" to this rag-tag collection, rounding out the ridiculous, unfocused nature of my chosen liberal arts education.

It was during one of my bi-annual pilgrimages to the bookstore that I started to get frustrated with the whole system. It seems that for years I'd been parting with my hard-earned cash for a pile of books, which while useful for test prep, rarely got more than a few hours of

frantic use in the days and hours before my finals. In the interest of graduating on time, and not drawing the ire of our school fine English department, I will say that I do not apply the same flippant, wallet-weary attitude to my upper-level English courses.

Wandering through the aisle, the prices were already adding up in my head, and in a move bound to distract, I started thinking about everything else I could be spending my money on.

I spotted one of my assigned philosophy books and couldn't help but think, for \$52, I could get my poor, long-suffering bicycle fixed.

In fact, adding up the total cost of one classes worth of books alone, I could have easily afforded an iPod Touch, or Xbox 360, both of which, I had to convince myself, would not be more rewarding or valuable than my education.

Just when I was starting to come to terms with the inevitability of these purchases, an idea floated into my head that makes me seriously doubt weather my mind has any regard for my GPA.

With just over a \$100 left in book money, I started thinking homebrew.

I tried to fight this urge, subvert the mental image of a tall, golden pint glass filled with my own concoction of hoppy goodness. Unfortunately, in a problem dating back to the dawn of alcoholic spirits, my poor 21-year-old mind was always going to side with the beer.

What followed might have just looked, to the average observer, like a confused student overwhelmed by the textbook buying process in the middle of the bookstore. In reality it was one simple question. Sure books have changed lives, started violent protests, converted whole cultures and explored every nuance of the human condition – but has a book ever got anyone drunk?

Well, maybe it's about a little more than that. A big fan of the do-it-yourself lifestyle, the idea of creating a delicious beer that was all my own intrigued me just as much as any of the classes I had signed up for months ago.

Justifying the whole exercise as an educational experience made it easier. It's during these four years in higher education

that we are encouraged to develop a passion, an interest, and a goal, and I was hardly going to treat this educational opportunity any different.

"Homebrew 101" is now in session. If my decision to shirk books for brew doesn't pan out, I will name my first concoction after those left-behind books, so be on the lookout for Dodge's Philosophy Pale Ale.

Thanks for reading,
Matt Dodge

CORRECTIONS

The front cover photo of President Botman we incorrectly identified the photographer as Brandon McKenney when it was in fact the work of Aubin Thomas.

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"A Wasted Vote by Any Other Name"

Brandon McKenney

Photo Editor

As I begin to see more and more Nader '08 stickers popping up on vehicles around Portland, I begin to ask a few questions in my head. 'Who are these people?', and then invariably, 'what are they thinking?'

I understand the desire to break up the two-party structure in this country, and I am all for it. I don't believe we have a true Democracy if all we have is two choices every four years. Especially when those two choices become increasingly corrupt and ineffective. After the 2004 election, I found myself ready to withdraw from politics altogether. At the very least, I pledged to myself that I wouldn't vote Democrat again. In my mind, a vote for a 'lesser of two evils' wasn't a vote at all.

However, I am not ready to take the leap of faith in offering up a symbolic vote in such a crucial election. The 2008 election is a lot closer than it probably should be. If logic played any role in Presidential elections, Obama

would be destroying McCain in the polls. In reality though, we have a race that could be as close as what we saw in 2000, the year of Nader's most historic run for the presidency. Personally, I am not comfortable voting for anyone other than Obama. Sure I'd like him to be a bit more progressive on some of the issues, but I'm onboard with most of what he stands behind. In my mind, there's no way America can survive another 4 or 8 years of failed policies, and that is what McCain is offering.

Now granted, here in Maine the election results will most likely be far from close. This state is securely in Obama's bracket. A vote for Nader or Bob Barr or any other candidate with no chance of winning becomes a safe symbolic gesture. However, if you're going to offer up a symbolic vote, why not vote for someone besides Ralph Nader. To be honest I've never seen the appeal of Nader. Granted he is a Washington outsider, and fairly liberal on most issues, but is he worthy of the Presidency? To me, Nader would fit into a cabi-

net position much better than being the chief executive.

If Americans want to make an honest push to break up the gridlock of the two-party system then they need to realize that it's not going to come from the top down. Independents and third-party candidates need to begin to break in through local and state government positions. As that movement builds, eventually we will see a Presidential election where a candidate without a (D) or (R) next to their name has a valid chance of winning.

Unfortunately that is not this year. I'd hope any American progressive who is thinking of casting their ballot this year for Nader, or even Bob Barr, would reassess the stakes of this election. Nader's own campaign made the statement in 2000 that 'a vote for Gore is a vote for Bush'. I'd wonder if any of his supporters still feel that same way after witnessing the last eight years?



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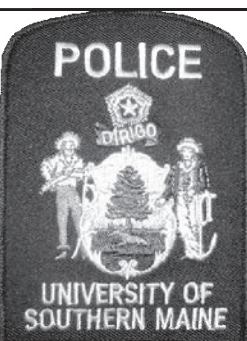
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Police Log

Fight and run.

Sept. 16, 11:41 p.m.

Gorham parking lot. Verbal fight reported in G-13. Students took off running to the towers. Officers pursued and located subjects and spoke with both parties. Staff will be monitoring the room.

Fireworks and good old Mary Jane.

Sept. 15, 1:04 a.m.

Gorham parking lot. Several people in a small dark vehicle were reported for suspicious activity in G-8. Activity reported: continuously lighting a lighter, possible marijuana use. Officers responded and drugs were found. Two subjects are being referred to Community Standards. One subject issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia. Another subject issued a summons for possession of fireworks and drug paraphernalia. Confiscated all items as well as some alcohol. Also issued a criminal trespass notice for all USM property.

What's that noise?

Sept. 14, 10:19 p.m.

Noise complaint received from outside of Andrews hall, Gorham. Described as a loud saw or grinding noise coming from the metal shop. Officer spoke with subject and advised to finish up.

"(Bleep) the police!"

Sept. 13, 9:24 p.m.

USM Portland Campus. Vehicle and driver have been going in and out of USM parking lots, flipping off an officer and squealing their tires.

Stalker sighting

Sept. 13, 11:44 a.m.

Luther Bonney, Portland. Portland police dispatch received a hang up call from a female: she stated that the USM stalker was in the computer lab at Luther Bonney. USM and Portland PD officers responded. Added info: the stalker was described as male, slim build, bald spot on top of head with dungarees and black shirt. Subject was GOA.

Rescue call from student center

Sept. 13, 1:50 a.m.

Brooks Student Center. Report of an unconscious male laid out by the entrance to the center. Officer and Gorham Rescue responded. Gorham Rescue transported subject to Maine Medical Center.

Intoxicated Male in PD lobby.

Sept. 13, 1:28 a.m.

Gorham. Intoxicated male wandering around PD lobby, not answering questions. Staggered outside and onto the ground under the pine tree. He got up and staggered across the lawn to the 15-minute zone where he is now leaning on a silver vehicle. Officer responded and located subject. SUMMONS issued for Illegal Consumption of Alcohol. Gorham PD transporting subject to Delta Chi.

Knock, knock?

Sept. 12, 2:30 a.m.

Disorderly conduct in Hastings Hall, Gorham. Received complaint of a male subject trying to break down a door. Officers responded, warned the subject and sent him back to his room.

PERSPECTIVES CAMPUS EVENTS

Monday September 22

Step Aerobics-

Stepping, toning, and stretching....all choreographed to music. \$10 for semester for current USM students/ Offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:15-7:15 a.m. Multi-Purpose Room, Sullivan Complex, Portland Campus/For more information or non-student pricing, check out our website at <http://usm.maine.edu/sullivan-complex/> or contact the Sullivan Complex at 780-4939.

Seated Massage-

Free to current USM students. Appointments are 15 minute blocks/ Room 216, Sullivan Complex, Portland Campus/1-3:00p.m./ For more information, check out <http://usm.maine.edu/sullivancomplex/> or contact the Sullivan Complex at 780-4939.

Bootcamp-

The toughest workout you'll ever love! An intermediate to advanced conditioning program that will improve your overall fitness level. Includes cardio sprints, basic calisthenics training, plyometrics to increase speed and endurance, and help you develop core strength and balance. \$10 for semester for current USM students/ Offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5:15-6:15 p.m./ For more information or nonstudent pricing, check out our website at <http://usm.maine.edu/sullivan-complex/> or contact the Sullivan Complex at 780-4939.

Model United Nations Organization Meeting-

Any student interested in world affairs, travel, leadership, education and great times is welcome./ 423 Glickman Library, Portland campus/ 7-8 p.m./ For more information email jelena.sarenac@maine.edu

Tuesday September 23

LGBTQA Lunch-

Join fellow LGBTQ and Allied students and staff for an informal lunch gathering every Tuesday in the Brooks Dining Room/ Brooks Student Center Dining Room (far left side)/ 11:30a.m.-

1:00p.m./ More information online at www.usm.maine.edu/glbta

Classic Yoga (Session 1)-

A gentle to moderate class in the traditional (Iyengar) hatha yoga style. Suitable for beginners as well as the more advanced. This all-level class will increase flexibility, endurance, focus and concentration while it tones and strengthens. \$10 for semester for current USM students/ Multi-Purpose Room, Sullivan Complex, Portland Campus/Offered Tuesdays from 12:00-1:15 p.m./ For more information or non-student pricing, check out our website at <http://usm.maine.edu/sullivancomplex/> or contact the Sullivan Complex at 780-4939.

GREEK RUSH - Alpha Xi Delta Event - Vegas Night-

Come meet the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta and find out more information on how to join one of USM's sororities./ Presidential Dining Room, Brooks Student Center, Gorham campus/ 6-7:30p.m. and again 8:30-10p.m. Wednesday/ For more information contact Natalie Tougas at natalie.tougas@maine.edu or at 207-595-1611.

Wednesday September 24

Election '08 meeting-

Information sharing and collaborative opportunities for any election related program plans for this fall. All interested persons, offices, departments are welcome and encouraged to attend/ "Boiler Room, Woodbury Campus Center, Portland/11a.m.-12:00p.m.

Maine PIRG Voter Registration-

Come work with local 6th graders to register voters on the Portland campus/11a.m.-1:00p.m./ for more information please contact Carrie Shepard at carrie@mainepirgstudents.org

Thursday September 25

Asian American Association and Symposium-

We have weekly meetings to discuss Asian culture along with upcoming events and trips/ 237A Luther Bonney Hall, Portland campus/ 5-6:30p.m./ For more information please email jessica.daigneault@maine.edu.

Words & Images Sponsors a Literary Event-

This is an evening of reading and music to celebrate the 2008 issue of Words and Images, the literary journal of the University of Southern Maine. Free and open to the public./ SPACE GALLERY -538 Congress St., Portland/6:30-10:30p.m./ for more information please visit www.wordsandimagesjournal.wordpress.com.

Friday September 26

The WMPG Friday Night Fall Film Festival-

"Rockabilly 514" will be shown at USM Gerald E. Talbot Lecture Hall, Portland Campus/ Starting at 7 P.M/ Tickets are \$5 general admission, Free to USM students and only available the night of the event/ For more information on the upcoming shows please visit www.wmpg.org. For more information on this event please contact Mgr. Jim Rand at (207) 780-4424 or email stationmanager@wmpg.org.

Saturday September 27

Coastal Cleanup-

Join us in this opportunity to give back to the natural resources we enjoy/ Higgin's Beach, Scarborough/1-5:00p.m./ For more information, check out our website at <http://usm.maine.edu/sullivancomplex/> or contact the Sullivan Complex at 780-4939.

Sunday September 28

Sea Kayak-

\$10 for current USM students. No experience is necessary to participate/ Maine Coastal Locations (TBA)/ 8a.m.-3:00p.m./ For more information or non-student pricing, check out our website at <http://usm.maine.edu/sullivancomplex/> or contact the Sullivan Complex at 780-493

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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For the past ten days, art professor Micheal Shaugnessy has been knees deep in hay, and getting St. Louis into the hay as well. His sculpture stands as the inaugural exhibition of St. Louis' Craft Alliance, an anticipated new gallery and artist space. He has worked from sun-up until past sundown since the day he arrived, building his signature structures, and completely covering them in hay. His assistant and intern, Ryland Cook, 2008 graduate of USM has kept tabs on their progress via a journal for the free press. From arriving in St. Louis with just the packs on their backs, to producing an entire exhibit of larger-than-life sculpture, (with the help of local volunteers) in time for a gala event opening that celebrates the opening of the space and Shaugnessy's work.



mals including a ferocious grizzly bear. Mixed in with these stuffed animals and tacky decorations are some really good paintings. Like, old, beautiful, well maintained oil paintings that are probably worth some money. The best part of our home is the themed romantic suites that the hotel boasts. For example: The Sherwood Forest suite, the Bathe suite, the captain's quarters, and the Raj suite. Apparently Indian culture was very important in ye merry England. Oh, and they have a sweet bar here, where Michael nearly got in a fight in with a McCain supporter. Can't say I blame him.



these pieces together rips your hands to shreds. I have many blisters on my hands from the many lines I made today. We are so far eating delicious, yet very unhealthy food. This is okay for day 1, but will not be okay if I am still saying this on day 10. Lets hope for some fruits and veggies in our near future.

realist (trompe l'oeil), one did dark holocaust inspired abstractions, and the third made the very strange dog/alligators with erections. Very interesting. After the opening we were directed to the after party at the main patron's huge house in the west end. I was a bit nervous, as surely this would be an uppity party and I would get trapped either talking to someone extremely boring or, nobody at all.

However, as the line of guests entered this million-dollar home, we were pleasantly welcomed in with a very high-class jello shot. I immediately relaxed and had a wonderful time. The party was catered by a very fancy place so the food was amazing. They had bottle after bottle of wine, and as I mingled, discovered nine original hand drawn frames from the Yellow Submarine! Very cool.

Day 4.

Today we had a group of local high school kids helping out. I forget that not all high school kids are cocky little bastards. These guys are really interesting people, who are being extremely helpful. The day is not even finished and we already have the majority of the spiral warped (yarned up) and ready for hay. Sick bro.

Day 5.

Today this large, fragile and awkward spiral begins to change from a skeleton to a sculpture. The weaving has just begun and already one can get a sense of what this frame will become. Not that it isn't beautiful in its See **SCULPTURE** on page 14

I have just begun my last college credit.

In short, it involves flying to St. Louis Missouri to build a large art installation with USM art professor Michael Shaugnessy.

Day 1.

Fly out of Manchester New Hampshire on United Airlines. The flight was easy and smooth, just how we like them. We arrived in St. Louis at 6 pm, picked up our snazzy rental car, and headed to Craft Alliance where we would be designing and building their inaugural exhibition.

We met the gallery staff at the door, and before even entering the space, were taken to eat. Thank God. I spent our pre-dinner conversation quietly starving and being annoyed by the overly enthusiastic theater people who were our new guides. Finally we ate. I began feeling less airplane-tired, and a bit more alive. I have also begun to realize that this is an unpaid internship. I assume that once this is over it will have been a very cool experience, but I am certainly not used to working for free. Wait, I am not working for free, as I paid around

700 dollars for these 3 credits. At this point I take a deep breath and remember:

A. This is it. You are done and graduated in 10 days.

B. This will look really good on a resume.

C. This could actually turn out really cool.

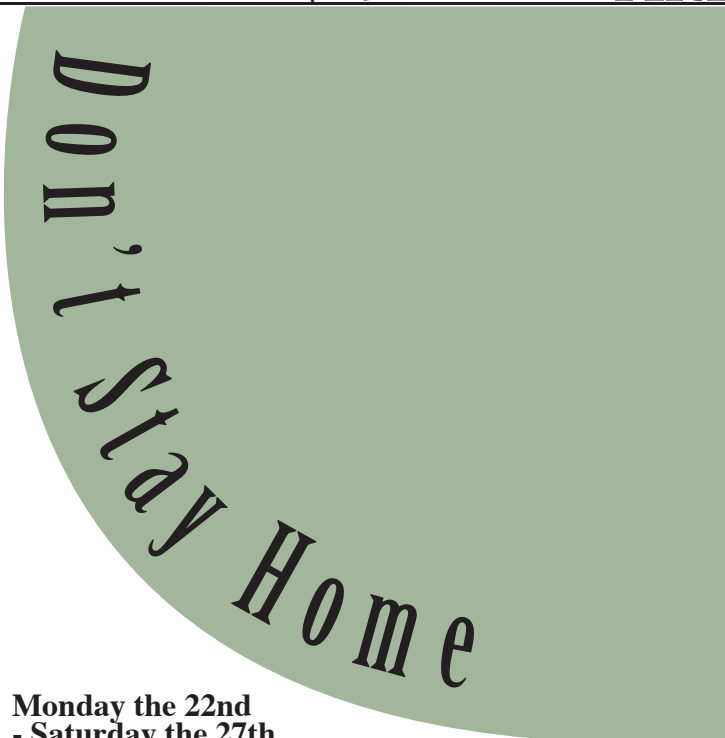
That night we went to our hotel, which is definitely worthy a hearty description.

We are staying at the Cheshire Inn. It is a ye olde merry style place filled with antiques. Some real, some fake. It's also teeming with taxidermied ani-

Day 2.

Michael's process is very specific and challenging to describe with out visual aid. Essentially, His large-scale hay pieces are woven on a loom that we build to be whatever shape he likes. Today I began building the loom. This involves screwing a drywall screw every two and a half inches in the sides of plywood circles. This takes forever as there are 24 screws on an 18" inch circle, and as of right now we have 35 circles, so lots of drilling with more to come. There are a bunch of volunteers here helping weave the "lines" that eventually become the large pieces that hang on the wall. It is really helpful having these volunteers to build the majority of these lines, as tying





**Monday the 22nd
- Saturday the 27th**

My pumpkin's bigger than yours!

Nothing says fall like the Cumberland County Fair. Pet the animals eat the fruits and veggies, listen to the bands, and watch the horses be forced to compete at the harness race track. Adults \$7, Child. \$2/ Parking \$2/ Sept.22 – 27/ 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. / Cumberland Fairgrounds/ visit cumberlandfair.com for more info and directions

Tuesday the 23rd

Super Tuesday!

Every Tuesday is Super Tuesday at Nickelodeon Cinema, where all shows are a paltry \$5. Check out the new Cohen brother's movie, Burn After Reading, or watch Pacino and De Niro get older with each film they make in Righteous Kill. Nickelodeon Cinema/ 1 Temple Street, Portland/ 772-9751

Wednesday the 24th

Boots with the fur!

Drop down and get your eagle on at the Apple bottoms and abs workout session! FREE/ 2nd Floor Hill Gym Group Exercise Room/ Gorham Campus

Thursday the 25th

Fast, Powerful, and Punk: A Literary Event

Words and Images/English Students' Association party! Rock out with Akudama and Cougars Kill Cobras and listen to some of Maine's most prominent authors read their poetry and literature. (See article) FREE / SPACE gallery/ 538 Congress Street, Portland/ 7 p.m./ 828-5600

Saturday the 27th

From the streets to the stage

Get your ear drums banged and your booty bumpin' by seeing some of the world's best percussionists in "Stomp." The "street" influenced performance turns crashing garbage cans and pounding garbage barrels into a party – and not a homeless one. Tickets start at \$50/ Shows at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m./ Merrill Auditorium/ 20 Myrtle Street, Portland

What she just say to me?

Girl Talk (Gregg Gillis) brings his unique sound - I mean everyone else's sounds - to Bates College to get the party started with his "ultimate remixes." Girl Talk takes your favorite songs young and old and puts them altogether in one tidy, danceable package. If you haven't heard Girl Talk yet than you're a loser. \$13.50/ Doors open at 8:30, show openers, The Death Set, on at 9:30 p.m./ Bates College, Lewiston/ batestickets.com

Sunday the 28th

I'd like my eggs jazzy please!

The Portland Museum of Art continues their longstanding tradition of breakfast and jazz on Sunday mornings with Ken Labrecque & Group. Purchase breakfast items at the café, sit back, and enjoy. \$8 admission with student ID/ 10:00-12:30/ The Portland Museum of Art/ 7 Congress Square/ Portland/ 775-6148

Fall Fashion

The magazine racks are bustling with the latest fall fashion. Fashion houses are promoting patterned and plaid-- (too) for fall, while students at USM proclaim their up inspired pairings of trousers and jackets (including sweatshirt and ugg's combo) that combine casual school with full of books as the Free Press caught them on week.



Avery Art Entrepreneur major

This guy makes skate shoes look good. I caught Avery as he coming out of a class where he's planning a business venture: to open his own gallery with a team of classmates.

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school clothes with bags
Portland campus last



Left to right

Luilui Guyin

Natsuko

Jacqueline

ESL majors

These ladies struck me with their 'cute points.' A teeny tiny watch, the face the size of an altoid, with layered tops and a vintage necklace: lovely. A daring white belt and chunky buckle with jeans and a solid sweater made something mundane pop and sparkle. The bubbly Jacqueline, who called herself 'sporty' made casual footwear work--well.



Chase Communications major

"I wear a bit from everything, or I try to. My band tee shirts are my favorite."

Brie Social & Behavioral Science major

Talk about looking effortlessly pretty with a vest (yay!) and plaid skirt, (oh my!)



Starting a Fire

Sustainability convention coming to USM

Tyler Jackson
Staff Writer

Ask Eben Metivier what he's doing with his life these days and he has a stock answer ready to go.

"I would say I'm saving the world — 500 people at a time."

Metivier is the Operations Director of Kaleidoscope, the agency presenting Kindle, a Northern New England Bioneers Conference. The annual event focuses on environmental awareness, among many other things, and takes place in San Rafael, California. It will also be broadcasted via satellite to eighteen cities around the United States.

These broadcasts, referred to as "Beaming Bioneers", are shown in conjunction with each city's local conference. This year, Portland is one of those cities—only the second on the Eastern Seaboard.

USM's Portland Campus will host Kindle on October 17, 18 and 19. There will be 70 speakers over 30 workshops on the campus, with an additional 17 speakers featured remotely.

When Kindle proposed to USM that they host the Bioneer event, they

learned that the same weekend, the Muskie School of Public Service would be hosting the grand opening of the new Wishcamper Center on Bedford Avenue. Instead of declining, Kindle and the Muskie School chose to join forces and host their events in conjunction.

Metivier said the function of a Bioneer event is to inspire, educate and connect people with nature-based solutions for restoring the earth and healing human communities.

"We're creating this conference to educate people because we realized something had to be done about the state of the world that we're in right now."

Kindle was started by Ted Regan, founder and president of Kaleidoscope and co-founder of Rippleffect, Inc, a youth development organization based on Cow Island that created "an ocean oasis for disadvantaged youth".

The proceeds from this event, after covering its costs, will go toward future Kindle events. So far, 75 people have purchased three-day passes, and plenty more are available.

"We're trying to get as many students, seniors, activists, farmers and educators to this event as possible," Metivier said. "Each year we want to perpetuate this and make it bigger and better than the last."

He hopes Kindle



will follow in the footsteps of the Bioneer event in Bedford, Massachusetts, which in its first year yielded 350 people, followed by 700 the next. Organizers are expecting anywhere from 1,200 to 1,500 this time around.

Metivier said the seventeen speakers of the Beaming Bioneers are household names—or are at least soon to be. Among them are:

Ray Anderson, founder of Interface Inc. the world's largest producer of modular carpet and a leading producer of commercial fabrics, named one of TIME International's Heroes for the Environment in 2007; Paul Stamets, President of Fungi Perfecti, a business supplying "mycotechnologies" to mushroom cultivators worldwide; Kavita Ramdas, president and CEO of the Global Fund for Women; Alexandra Cousteau, granddaughter of Jacques Cousteau and a leading activist

and advocate for the conservation and restoration of the planet's oceans and water resources; David Orr, professor and chair of the Environmental Studies Program at Oberlin College and an award-winning scholar and leader in the sustainability movement; and Naomi Klein, author of The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism.

Of the selection of the local speakers, Metivier said, "There were seven people on what we call a Dream Council, and [they] went out and each asked fifteen people whom they would drop amazing weekend plans to come see. And we came back with 105 names." From those 105 names, these speakers were selected and agreed to speak locally at the Portland event:

Peter Blaze Corcoran, Professor of Environmental Studies and Environmental Education at Florida Gulf Coast University; Peter Neil, Director of The World Oceans

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Kindle Speakers:
Peter Blaze Corcoran -

Professor of Environmental Studies and Environmental Education at Florida Gulf Coast University

Peter Neil - Director of The World Oceans Observatory

Russell Libby - Executive Director of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

Deb Soule - Local herbalist, Author and founder of Avena Botanicals, Maine's largest established provider of medicinal herbs

Kathy Freund - Executive Director of the Independent Transportation Network

J. Carl Ganter - Director of Circle of Blue, an international network of journalists, scientists and communications designers who focus on the global freshwater crisis

Tom Linzey - Co-founder of the Community, Environmental Legal Defense Fund, a non-profit provider of free and affordable legal services to grassroots groups and municipal governments

Gkisedtanamoogk - Wampanoag elder, teacher, and Indigenous Nation cultural advocate who teaches at the University of Maine

June LaCombe - an artist who created what is known as environmental art and eco-art, an activist arts movement.



BRANDON'S BREW REVIEW

Peak Organic's Maple Oat Ale

With the weather feeling more and more like Autumn these days, I wanted to pick up a beer that reflected those feelings this week. Now granted, technically this Maple Oat Ale from the good

folks at Peak Organic is a Spring time release, but it just seems like it should be a Fall offering with it's packaging and subtle hints of maple.

The beer pours out to a very small head that quickly fades. It's a golden-copper color that looks beautiful in a tall glass. It must be mentioned that technically the weizen glass pictured isn't the proper choice for this style, but it's the only beer glassware I

own so it had to do. Nonetheless, the beer still looked flavorful and it did not disappoint. The beer goes down smooth thanks to the addition of oats. The maple taste isn't overtly noticeable, but it is there and is a welcome quality.

The best part about this beer, and Peak in general, is that they use organic ingredients. They went a step further and brought in oats from Maine company GrandyOats, as well as fresh

maple syrup straight from the mountains of Vermont. These local ingredients contribute to a beer that is not only refreshing, but also gratifying. I would strongly recommend grabbing this beer if you find it on the shelves. I had to seek it out at RSVP on Forest Ave. Drop by and pick up a pint or two. Overall, it gets an A-

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An Interview with Loki's Jon Taylor

Free Press: Who is Loki? What do you play?

J.T.: I'm J.T. (Jon Taylor) and I am the lead singer. On guitar is Jonathan Boyer. Seth McClellan plays bass, and Adam Nichols smacks the drums.

FP: So just how long have you been a band?

J.T.: We started at the end of '99, so 8 years, going on 9.

FP: That's a long time for a band these days. So Loki began at USM. How did that happen?

J.T.: I met Jonathan in '98 at USM. He was in a band called Dome from Boston. We became friends hanging at this place called the Poolhouse. It was pretty much a party house, but it was just off the Gorham campus so the security couldn't do anything. It was just a lot of musicians, creative people, hanging out. People would get together and jam for the night. One of these nights Tyler Stanley, who plays keys in Sly-Chi was playing, I started singing, and Jon Boyer heard it. I guess he liked what he heard. Shortly after, Dome broke up, and we were like "lets get something going."

FP: Did you find it easier being a band with ties to a university?

J.T.: Yes and no. We got a few more gigs I guess, but I ran GEB (Gorham Events Board) for a year so we played USM on and off. We did a music video with the GTV thing, but it really didn't get really going until we were out. We did establish a lot of good relationships at USM though. We met a lot of good people through the music and theater departments, and I'm still a Delta Chi!

FP: Now I hate to do this to you but...Top 5 bands. GO!

J.T.: Oh man...The Doors, Incubus, Tool, Led Zeppelin, and ugh...Rage Against the Machine.

FP: Tell us a little about your past releases, you have three prior to the new EP, correct?

J.T.: Yeah. Our debut EP called "Finity" came out in 2001 and people seemed to like it. We liked the direction it was heading so we kept going and released our first full length "Born" in 2002 and then we started working with Jon Wyman (producer/engineer extraordinaire) for our follow up called "Firelight" in 2004.

FP: So the new EP, "No Disclaimers," which you also did with Wyman, came out a few weeks ago. What's different or better about the new stuff?

J.T.: Well, we called it No Disclaimers because we didn't have to make any excuses for ourselves. It's us without having to say "this is with our old bass player, blah, blah." We felt we always had to give a disclaimer before showing anything to anyone. You know, we spent a lot of money, worked really hard, and tried to pick the 5 songs that best represented the "5 buckets of Loki," as I called it. We're really excited about it.

FP: What has the reaction been like so far?

J.T.: It's been out for 9 weeks and it debuted as number 3 on the Top 10 local releases at Bull Moose. The last 9 weeks it has made an appearance on the top 10, so we can't complain. So far, knock on wood, there's



been a positive reaction. You know, friends of ours in metal bands, who don't even sound like us, have liked it so I think it has a genre-weaving ability. The guys at WCYY, like Mark Kurdo, have all been cool, and I think as long as we can spread the Loki fever, the more positive responses we'll have.

FP: Any comments on the local music scene as of late?

J.T.: With our style it's a little tougher. We're not as poppy as some bands but we're not as hard as certain bands, so we're sort of the fat kid trying to buy jeans; we're just in between sizes. I think we've helped to close down more clubs in Portland than have opened. Haha. I think there's been about 12 to 15 clubs in Portland that have closed since we started playing. But seriously, I think that there's a lot of talent, along with more bands realizing that it makes sense to

work together. A lot of the pettiness that used to exist is gone, and I think people are realizing that gaining allies is better.

FP: What is the most difficult thing about being in a band?

J.T.: Time. People don't realize how much time it really is. It's the same as having a 2nd job and 2nd girlfriend but with no pay and no sex. Ha. But no, if you stay committed, then you do it all the time. You know, with having jobs, wives, kids...if we didn't love it, we wouldn't do it.

FP: So the band is named after the Norse god of mischief and change...how did you come up with that?

J.T.: Well I was taking this psychology class at USM, and we were talking about this thing called the Message of Loki. It pretty much outlines how all adolescent males go through a state of rebellion.

I thought it was something that people could relate to, so I researched it and liked what I found.

FP: Any advice for people starting bands?

J.T.: I would say...make sure you know the people that you're starting it with. You have to make sure everyone's personalities work together. It's like having 3 more girlfriends. Also, you have to listen to your gut. If things aren't jiving and you don't listen to your gut, then you waste time with members and shows. You can save yourself a lot of time by listening to your gut.

Pick up a copy of Loki's new EP "No Disclaimers" at any Bull Moose Music locations or go to www.myspace.com/lokiband for news and upcoming shows!

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Sapporo

Jeff Hodenberg
Contributing Writer

How does one decide on where to eat sushi in a town that has an abundance of sushi restaurants? I would say that it depends on what you want from your experience. For a relaxed evening and inexpensive sushi I would recommend you try Sapporo, on Commercial Street. The restaurant has an eclectic but fun vibe to it, with each room having a distinct and different feel.

The menu is typical of any sushi place with an assortment of maki (rolls) and nigiri (raw fish on top of rice), yet most everything I ate when I visited Sapporo was good, and tasted fresh despite the price. I started off with a bowl of white rice

and seaweed salad - my typical start to a sushi meal. I ordered the Negi-ma appetizer, which consists of beef wrapped around grilled scallions and served with a teriyaki sauce, and the special of jumbo shrimp shumai; shrimp in a steamed rice dumpling. The beef for my Negi-ma was a little dry but the sauce it comes with made it tasty so it didn't matter. The way I figure it is if you're going out for sushi to eat beef, you should never consider eating sushi again. The shumai I ordered disappeared very quickly as it was very delicious. My girlfriend started with grilled squid which came as a generous portion and was grilled just right so that it was cooked but not overly rubbery. I wasn't thrilled with the squid but my girlfriend loved

it, proclaiming it to be "sushi bubblegum".

For dinner I decided to order some rolls, the Sada (cooked yellowtail with garlic and ponzu sauce) as something new and my personal favorite - eel and cucumber roll. I was less thrilled with the Sada than I was the eel. I guess eating cooked fish at a sushi place falls under the category of ordering beef at a sushi place as well. It wasn't terrible, but something about it just wasn't amazing either. The eel and cucumber has just the perfect ratio of the two fillings to make it delicious. I finished my meal with the Botan nigiri, which is raw shrimp tail on rice with a thin slice of lemon and the head of shrimp is fried and set next to it. Both parts of the Botan nigiri



were awesome; the best I've had in town - although it is not a dish for the timid or weak of stomach. The head of the shrimp is crunchy and salty but plays off the sweet flavors of the tail nicely. My girlfriend ordered an assortment of rolls for her dinner, her favorite being the sea urchin

with raw quail egg, something I won't eat even though I had just finished crunching a shrimp's head, seaweed, monkfish liver and black tobiko (caviar-like fisheggs). She loved all of it.

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Hay fever

USM's Shaugnessy hits the road for a one of a kind installation in St. Louis

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naked form, but the hay really changes it from a fun group of shapes, to a whole until that takes on a life of it's own. Today the director of the gallery Boo, stopped by with her daughter and invited us to a potluck dinner at Luanne's house. (Luanne is the assistant director) The gallery people have something planned for us literally every night. It is almost exhausting have so many plans. After working the whole day all I want to do is chill out and breathe. However, all of the events that I have been wishing to skip turn out to be really enjoyable. This potluck dinner turned out to be no exception. That night the younger people from the gallery were all going out on the town to celebrate one of their boyfriend's birthdays and I got invited along. This boyfriend turned out to be extremely rich and live in by far the largest house I have ever been in. He had rented the party bus and also stocked it with booze for our fifteen-minute drive downtown. The night was a blast and we stayed out late drinking and talking and watching bar fights. I dreaded the fact that I may be woken up at 7 am to get to the gallery to start weaving. Luckily for me, Michael stayed at the

dinner until 1 am and slept in himself. Score.

Day 6.

Got to sleep till 9! We got to the Craft Alliance at 11, feeling slow and hung over. I spent the day weaving and Michael decided to head up to Kansas City to visit his brother. It was a nice quiet day. The artist in residence here at the gallery showed me all of their work and the processes that they adhere to and I showed them pictures of my paintings.

As I was leaving the gallery, Stephanie, Dave and Ruby showed up and invited me to dinner at their place (Stephanie and Dave were the potluck holders, and Ruby is their baby daughter.) I gladly accepted, and was whisked away for home-made Indian food.

We played with Ruby, who is as cute as a button, and ate and drank wine and had a really nice time. I got home and was asleep by 10. I was so tired from the long night before, so bed was precisely where I wanted to be.

At press time, there were three more days to go, so stay tuned for tales of the gallery opening night and gala event that ensued.

From **KINDLE** on page 12

Observatory; Russell Libby, Executive Director of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association; Deb Soule, Local herbalist, Author and founder of Avena Botanicals, Maine's largest established provider of medicinal herbs; Kathy Freund, Executive Director of the Independent Transportation Network; J. Carl Ganter, Director of Circle of Blue, an international network of journalists, scientists and communications designers who focus on the global freshwater crisis; Tom Linzey, Co-founder of the Community, Environmental Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit provider of free and affordable legal services to grassroots groups and municipal governments; Gkisedtanamoogk, a Wampanoag elder, teacher, and Indigenous Nation cultural advocate who teaches at the University of Maine; and June LaCombe, an artist who created what is known as environmental art and eco-art, an activist arts movement.

In addition to the speakers and workshops, there will be live music throughout the weekend. An Exhibit Hall, Imaginarium and Book Fair will be open each day from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. A Farmer's Market will be open on Saturday. Snacks and coffee will be served throughout the weekend. A series of vendor booths with products and services such as yoga, organic skin care products and solar energy will also participate.

To register for the weekend, visit www.kindleinme.com. Several attendance packages are available. Conference registration tiers are at \$375 for a three-day pass, \$290 for a two-day pass and \$165 for a one-day pass. A limited number of scholarships—discounted registration packages—are available for qualified people. For more information on scholarships, a complete event itinerary and complete information about Bioneers and Kindle, visit the website.

To sum up the purpose of Kindle, Metivier said, "We know that we're in the eleventh hour and we need to do something about it. And this is the best way that we've found—making this network of networks to create that change."

From **SAPPORO** on page 13

except the monkfish liver, claiming "I've had better".

I too have had better sushi, but i've also paid a lot more than I did at Sapporo. Our dessert was another bottle of warm sake which was perfect as it was getting a bit cold out on the patio where we were sitting. The patio is a nice touch to Sapporo - it feels pretty good to be sitting nearly on the ocean and enjoying the bounty that comes from it. Sure, I can think of a couple of better places to get sushi in Portland but for its price and quality, Sapporo makes for a good experience.

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RANDOM FACT!

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Fast, Powerful, Punk: A Words and Images Literary Event

Get ready to kick out the literary jams on Thursday, Sept. 25, at the SPACE, with a “Words and Images” celebration. Sponsored by USM’s yearly literary and art journal and the English Students’ Association, this is just one of our events to take place at or around USM, running from Monday, Sept. 22 to Friday, Sept. 26.

The events are all part of “The Welcome Back Reading Series,” which will feature readings from local poets, authors, USM professors and students.

In years past, “Words and Images” has hosted literary galas in order to celebrate the release of their previous issues.

Benjamin Rybeck, editor of Words and Images and head organizer of the events, stresses that “this is not a release party. It is simply a Words and Images

sponsored event for Portland to bring together and forge this disparate medium in one room. It is a coming together of visual art, literature, and music.”

The music Rybeck refers to will be supplied by Brooklyn-based act, Akudama, and local up and coming favorites, Cougars Kill Cobras. Akudama has shared the stage with indie starlets, The Arcade Fire, and bring their own sincere brand of indie-rock to the SPACE which will be sure to make the party groove. Cougars Kill Cobras’ bouncy post-punk will make you want to buy a leather jacket and stand up and stomp your leg furiously while fist-pumping the air.

Thursday night’s event will feature readings from Melissa Crowe, whose poems have been featured in “The Atlantic Review,” “Calyx,” and “The

Crab Orchard Review;” Dan Domench, author of “Hold Me Fast” and frequent contributor to “Portland Monthly”; and Mark Melincove, who has made a name for himself around Maine for his art and performance poetry. Zachary Mosher, a recent USM graduate who first published his poetry in Words and Images, and USM student, Steve Gibbons, winner of the the 2008 “Words and Images” Award for Excellence in Expression, will also join the night’s already impressive list of performers.

Rybeck expressed his desire to have this celebration at the beginning of the semester rather than wait until the USM population has settled into the school year.

“Toward the end of the year, even the most engaged students start to feel bogged down, and

when events happen they either cannot go or do not want to go. This is a way to give students - English students, in particular - places to go for a week, so that they can hear their professors and one another read, and be reminded of all the great creative work that gets done here by everybody. My hope is that this reading series works toward forging community between students and faculty who are, too often, spread out.”

Rybeck also hopes that this will be a catalyst for many more events the English Students’ Association will host this year.

For any questions regarding these or future events, please contact: benjamin.rybeck@yahoo.com.

Monday, 22nd at 7 p.m. - Readings by USM English Department Staff, including Maine’s poet laureate, Betsy Sholl, as well as Gibson Fay-LeBlanc, and Justin Tussing at the University Events Room on the 7th floor of Glickman Library.

Wednesday, 24th, 7 p.m. - Luther-Bonney’s Talbot Lecture Hall will play host to Brenda Edmands, Shelton Waldrep, and a slew of student readings.

Friday, Sept. 26th, 4 p.m. - The Welcome Back Reading Series will wrap up on where it began, on the 7th floor of the Glickman Library, with Robert Gibbons, Martin Steingesser, and Jessica Anthony, who will be reading excerpts from her first published novel.

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Walking the Walk

Senior Colin Reilly has come a long way

Nick Beauchesne
Contributing Writer

Choosing a college is the first real-life decision many of people make. For Colin Reilly, it was a decision that would take him across the country and through a host of experiences that have led the senior to cherish his time on the field, in the classroom, and most importantly, in this state.

Reilly is not your average Husky.

After all, the trip from Greenwood, CO to Gorham isn't exactly one that can be made over a long week-end.

Yet three years later Reilly has found himself at home here in

Reilly chose not to go back home.

A growing network of friends and a desire to persevere through this rough patch convinced him to see things through. And Coach Mike Keller is not the only one who is thankful for that. Reilly himself sees his times spent as USM -- the good and the bad -- as some of the most important experiences of his life.

"The relationships I have built during my time here at USM will last me a lifetime. I have met so

ity to accomplish things is not the same as the act of accomplishment.

Reilly has achieved a lot during his years here at USM. The steps made during this part of his proverbial walk, however, are just a few of many along the way.

"I will always have roots in Colorado. It was and is my home. I have not forgotten where I have come from. The difference between the relationships I have in

"Friends back home know me for who I was, and those I have here know me for who I will become."

Vacationland. He stands poised as a senior honor student and integral part of the USM men's soccer team. But despite it apparent glide through college, Reilly's journey hasn't been without its trials and tribulations.

"There was a point early on in my freshman year where I contemplated leaving USM and going back to Colorado," Reilly says. "I had gotten to the point around Christmas where I had actually purchased a plane ticket to go home for good."

many great people and friends here that I would never have had the chance to if I had gone home."

Perhaps the attribute that has made this adjustment possible for Reilly is his strong sense of self.

Defined by hard work and a sense of accountability, Reilly has been able to maintain a 3.4 GPA while at the same time preparing himself to compete athletically. And while some of this can be chalked up to a certain degree of innate ability both mentally and physically, the abil-

Greenwood compared to those I have here at school is that the friends back home know me for who I was, and those I have here know me for who I will become."

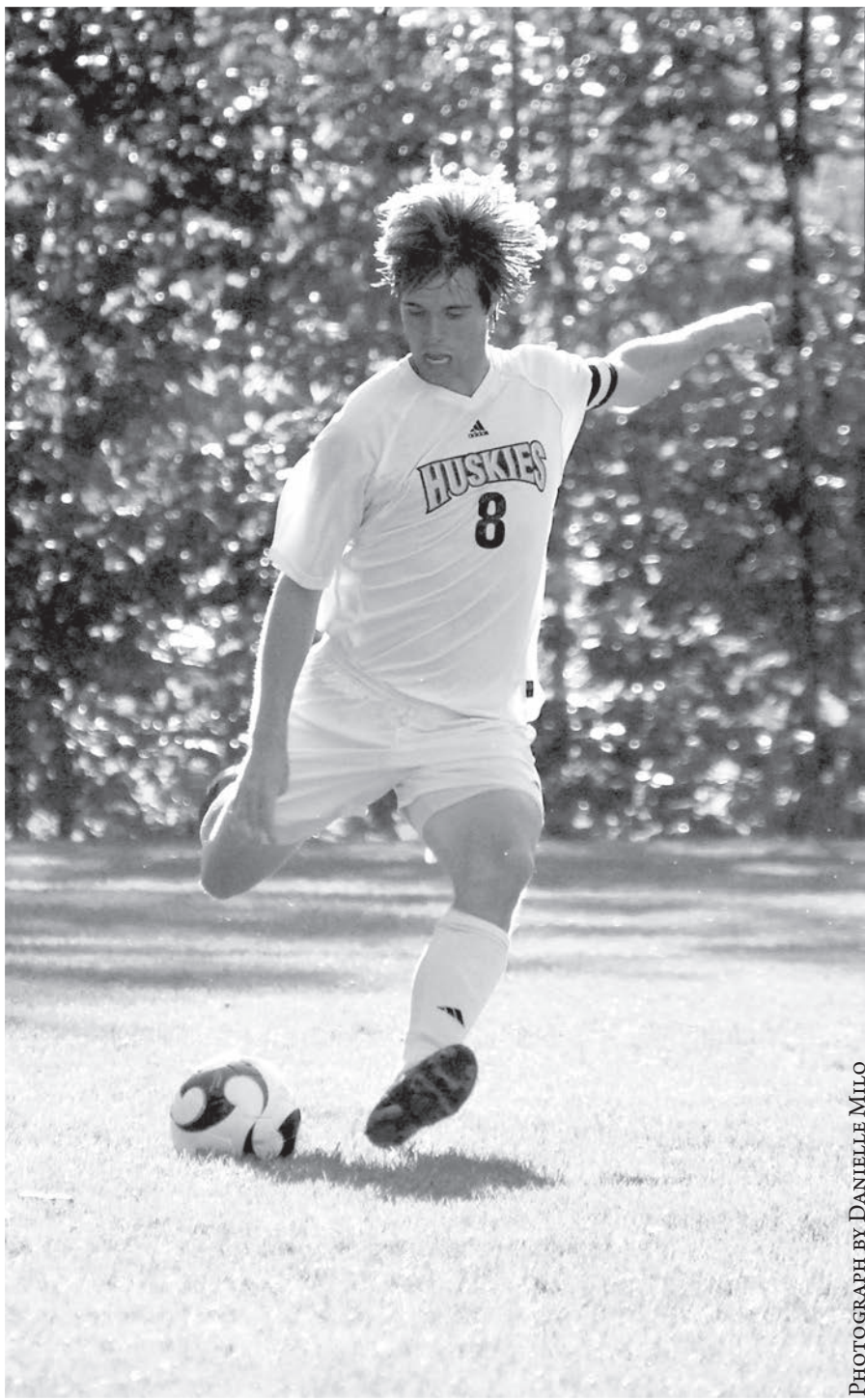
Reilly now finds himself one year away from graduation. Once there, a new set of paths and choices will present themselves.

"Once I graduate I see myself going back to Colorado for a little while. It will be nice to go

back home and reestablish some connections there. Going to school here in Maine though has given me some confidence. I can see myself moving someplace completely new in the future."

Reilly has found the right path. New challenges will present themselves, but he now finds himself better equipped to face

them head on. He may have grown up in Greenwood, but he has grown here at USM.



PHOTOGRAPH BY DANIELLE MILO

Bajic:

A Huskier Tom Brady?

John Forestell
Guest Columnist

Just this past week in our neck of the woods, the USM men's soccer team beat perennially ranked Bowdoin College 3-1 behind senior forward Sinisa Bajic's (Belgrade, Serbia) two goals and an assist.

It's efforts like the one he turned in last week that make me think that the Serbian Sensation is USM's version of a much more vaunted New England athlete: Tom Brady.

And while it seems like an odd comparison, the similarities are quite striking.

Bajic, who is from Serbia but attended Portland High School, has been scoring goals at a record-breaking pace since his freshman year.

The two goals he scored against Bowdoin gave him 44 for his career. He is just three away from breaking John Sylva's record of 46.

With his 14 points this season, Bajic has a total of 100 for his career. Sylva's record of 108 career points is slowly coming into Bajic's view.

Sylva, who played during the 70's, held the records for over 30 years and it seems that when Bajic surpasses his, he's going to be poised to hold them for another 30.

Bajic, in his own sport, in his own domain, dominates just as Brady does in his.

You need a touchdown on the gridiron, Brady will get it. You need a goal on the soccer pitch, you get the ball to Bajic. It's as simple as making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

In a sport where the success of a team relies largely on a few big plays during the 90-minute match, Bajic provides his fair share. Look no further than the box score of last week's win against Bowdoin for evidence of Bajic's playmaking ability. In a largely stalemated game, Bajic found a way to be in on all three of the Huskies goals, whether it was with a well

placed cross or a free-kick boot that sailed by the Polar Bear's goalie.

Brady has much the same influence on the football field. If you need a big play in a big situation, "Cool Hand" Brady is the one you want leading your team down the field. He's simply on a different level than other players. He has an uncanny ability to put the team on his shoulder and come up with the big play.

All of the good things that happen with the Patriots are, at some level, a result of Tom Brady. The Huskies are the same.

The big difference between the two is the immediate impact they have on their team when they can't play or get injured (I am knocking on wood right now, believe me).

Surely you want Brady to be the guy behind center, and when he goes down, your chance of success dramatically decrease. But, in Matt Cassell the Patriots have the chance to use a guy that has been mentored and tutored by Brady for the past three years; has practiced with the

team for three years and should know the playbook inside and out.

If Bajic goes down -- seriously, my knuckles are bleeding I am knocking so hard -- the Huskies simply do not have a player they can pick off the bench that can come into a game and create like Bajic does.

He has no understudy.

The Patriots, with Matt Cassell, who hadn't started a game since Bill Clinton was president, can still win their division and make the playoffs.

Without Bajic, the Huskies would certainly have a difficult time trying to stay at the top of the highly competitive LEC.

And even though Bajic doesn't pose seductively in cologne ads and his off-the-field life can hardly draw comparisons to Brady's (unless someone's not telling me something), his prowess on the field still warrants the comparison all the same.

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Women’s Soccer

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SPORTS

Husky Highlights

Poulin’s goal leads Huskies past Beavers Sept. 16

It took 69 minutes for the Huskies to break up a scoreless game, but sophomore Danielle Poulin (Readfield) provided the only offense that the squad would need to overtake the University of Maine at Farmington in women’s soccer action. The goal was Poulin’s first of the season. Senior Alison Bradley (Aukland, NZ) turned in another strong performance in net to preserve the shutout. The win pushes the Huskies’ record to 3-1.

Loss leads Huskies to second-place finish in golf Sept. 18

Senior captain Ben Loss (Wilmette, IL) carded a team-low of 78 en route to a fifth place finish at the University of Maine at Farmington Invitational held at Belgrade Lakes Golf Club. The fifth-place finish led the Huskies to finish runner-up to Husson College of Bangor. Senior Brent Profenno’s (Standish) score of 80 was good enough for eighth place, while freshman Cody Berkowitz (Saco) continued his strong rookie campaign with a tenth-place finish and a score of 81.

Huskies blow by Keene State Sept. 20

The USM men’s soccer team cruised to a 5-0 win in their conference season opener against Keene State on Sept. 20. The Huskies got five goals from five different players, all coming in the first-half. Sophomore Alex Burnham (North Yarmouth) began the scoring attack followed by seniors Greg Cox (Brookline, MA) and Ben Slagle (Scarborough). Junior Peter McHugh (Portland) and sophomore Nick Johnson (South Portland) added goals four and five in the rout. Senior Sinisa Bajic (Belgrade, Serbia) picked up two assists and moved closer to the all-time points record. He now trails John Sylva’s (1974-77) mark of 107 points by five. Junior goalie David Kreps (Agawam) earned the shutout in net. The Huskies move to 5-2-1 overall and 1-0 in LEC action.



PHOTOGRAPH BY BRANDON MCKENNEY

Young Huskies shake a streak Blank Colonials at home

Brandon McKenney
Photo Editor

The USM Huskies stopped a 3 game slide with a 3-0 shut-out of Western Connecticut State University on Saturday. Southern Maine scored 1 goal in the first half, and added another two in the second to breeze past the Colonials.

The Huskies spent the first 10 minutes of action defending their own end as Western Connecticut dominated the possession game, while the Huskies looked flat. “Sometimes it takes a little while to wake up and realize oh, we’re playing a game here”, remarked Head Coach Bonnie

Brown-Denico. The lackluster performance didn’t last long, as Junior India Lowe (Gloucester, MA) snuck the ball into the goal on a penalty corner by the Huskies in the 23rd minute. The goal came off assists from Junior Jen Gagnon (Manchester, NH) and Freshman Bethany Bougie (Sanford). USM’s goalkeeper, Junior Allison Hill (Cape Elizabeth) made some close saves to keep the shutout alive going into the second half. USM seemed more in sync as the game progressed. “We talk a lot about communication this year, and that’s something we can always improve on”, said Senior Anna Pease. The Huskies commanded the field for

the remainder of the game, executing another penalty corner into a goal by Senior Alyssa Kraus (Standish) in the 57th minute. The goal came off an assist from Senior Catilin Albert (Gorham). Late in the half, Junior Rolinda Mitchell (Dover-Foxcroft) tacked on an insurance goal for USM, following an assist from Freshman Whitney MacDaniel (Livermore).

The win gave some confidence back to the Huskies, who have 11 new players on the team this year. “We’re progressing with each game”, said Pease. “We want to get to where we were last year, and come back with a championship this year.”

Upcoming Games

September 23

Golf @ St. Joseph’s Invitational @ Point Sebago Golf Club 11 a.m.
Men’s Soccer @ Thomas 3:30 p.m.
Field Hockey v. BOWDOIN 4 p.m.

Women’s Tennis @ Regis 4 p.m.

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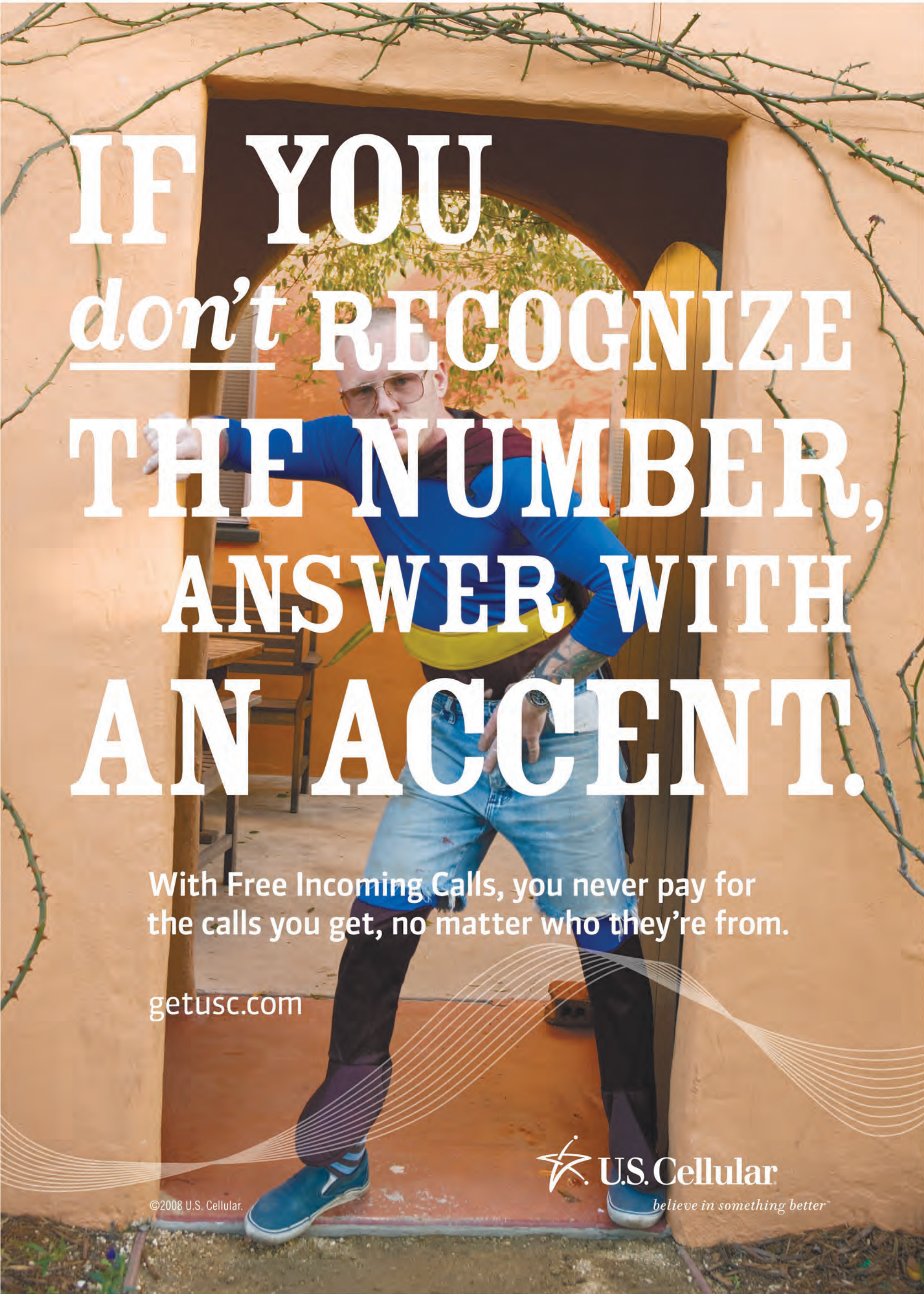
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September 26

Men’s Tennis @ ITA Tournament @ Williamstown, MA TBA

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Men’s Tennis @ ITA Tournament @ Williamstown, MA TBA
Field Hockey v. EASTERN CONNECTICUT 1 p.m.
Men’s Soccer v. UMASS BOSTON 1 p.m.
Women’s Soccer @ UMass Boston 1 p.m.
Women’s Tennis @ UMass Dartmouth 1 p.m.



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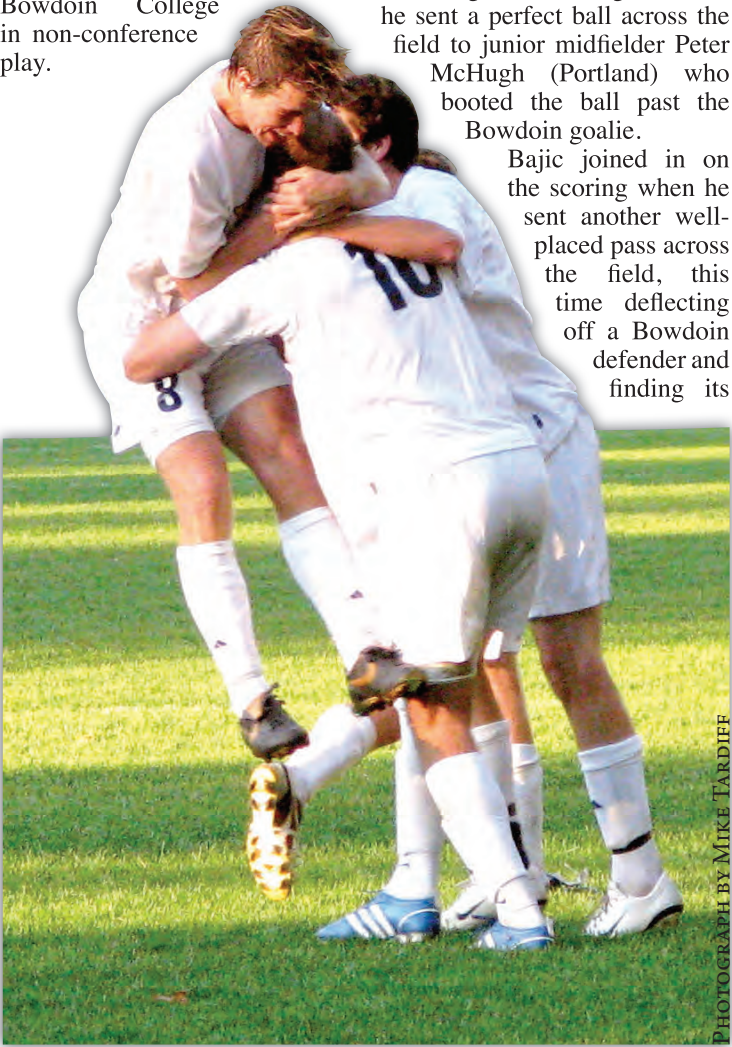
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Huskies heat up, sink Polar Bears

Bajic makes history

Mike Tardiff
Sports Editor

“Sinisa is playing like a man.” Those were the words of men’s soccer coach Mike Keller in describing the recent play of his senior forward Sinisa Bajic (Belgrade, Serbia). With two goals and an assist in last week’s game against Bowdoin, Bajic lifted the struggling Huskies to a 3-1 victory over instate rival Bowdoin College in non-conference play.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MIKE TARDIFF

Bajic moved into second place on USM’s all-time list with the goals and gave him 100 points for his career.

And while the goals were historic for Bajic, they were critical to ending the team’s two-game losing skid.

“It was great,” Keller said of the win, “not just because we won, but because we played so well together.”

At the center of that togetherness was Bajic, who assisted on the game’s first goal when he sent a perfect ball across the field to junior midfielder Peter McHugh (Portland) who booted the ball past the Bowdoin goalie.

Bajic joined in on the scoring when he sent another well-placed pass across the field, this time deflecting off a Bowdoin defender and finding its way to the back of the net.

He later tallied another score when he blasted a ball past the Bowdoin defense on a 25-yard free kick.

“Our offense really came from our defense,” Keller said.

With strong play in the midfield from sophomore Adam Gadbois (Brunswick) and a strong defensive effort turned in by senior defender Colin Reilly (Evergreen, CO), the Huskies opened up their break away game and freed Bajic up on the sidelines.

Bowdoin threatened at the 25-minute mark in the second half when they lobbed a shot off the cross-bar and then scored their lone goal on a free kicking resulting from a USM handball.

Aside from that one blemish, junior goalkeeper David Kreps (Agawam, MA) had a solid outing in goal, making two saves and making shots on goal tough to come by for the polar bears.

The game marks a potential turning point in the season. Coming off of a win against a tough NESCAC school in Bowdoin, the Huskies take a 4-2-1 record into their first conference game against foe and conference favorite Keene State.

“It takes a while for a team to gel,” Keller said, adding that his team’s head appeared to be in the right place. “Sinisa knows he’s close to the record, but he’s talking about wins and the team and we’re more concerned about the name on the front of the jersey than the name on the back.”

With six goals in seven games and 14 points overall, it appears that Bajic’s torrid pace could



PHOTOGRAPH BY DANIELLE MITO

help him surpass John Sylva (1974-77) as the school’s all-time leading scorer.

He needs two goals to surpass Sylva’s mark for goals and seven points to break the scoring record.

The win over Bowdoin was the program’s first over the school

since 2004 and only the fourth time in 28 tries.

****On Saturday Bajic had two assists in helping USM defeat Keene State, moving him to 102 points for his career, just five behind Sylva****

Cyr, Jasud on top of LEC

Pair leading XC teams early

Mike Tardiff
Sports Editor

There were high expectations for senior Gabby Cyr (Fort Kent) and junior Tyler Jasud (Rumford) heading into this fall’s cross country season. Both were slated to be their team’s leader and top performers in the conference.

So far those expectations have been met. Both athletes were recently named LEC Cross Country Runners of the Week for their performances in the week ending Sept. 14.

Cyr was recognized for her winning performance in the University of New England Cross Country Invitational, where she came from behind and overtook five runners after the two-mile mark to capture the crown.

She completed the hilly, 5,000-meter course in 21:05. In just her second year on the team, this marked the first time

Cyr had been honored by the conference.

Jasud, an All-New England performer, was also honored by the LEC for the first time. Running the five-mile course at Rotary Park in Biddeford in 28:01, Jasud followed in Cyr’s footsteps by capturing the individual title at the UNE event.

This is the second event that Jasud has won this season. His first win came in the St. Joseph’s Running Monks Early Bird Invitational earlier this month.

Behind Cyr and Jasud’s efforts both teams were victorious at the event. The women’s team captured the top three spots in cruising to their victory, while the men’s team placed the top four on the men’s side.

Huskies bury Colonials



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USM used goals from three different players to take out the Western Connecticut State University 3-0 in Little East Conference field hockey action Saturday. See page ## for complete coverage.

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